

Assembly Bill No. 887

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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Private Secretary of the Governor

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 74785 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 887, Committee on Agriculture. Agriculture: grape rootstock.

Existing law establishes the California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission. Existing law requires the commission to establish an assessment for the following marketing year not later than April 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as is possible. The assessment is not permitted to exceed \$50 per bearing acreage of grape rootstock and \$0.02 per invoicable unit of grape rootstock used or distributed for commercial purposes.

This bill would specify that grafted grape rootstock is subject to the assessment. Additionally, this bill would authorize the commission to establish different invoicable unit assessment rates for rootstock cuttings, rooted rootstock cuttings, and grafted grape rootstocks, provided that the rates do not exceed the maximum authorized assessment.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 74785 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

74785. (a) The commission shall establish the assessment for the following marketing year not later than April 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as is possible.

(b) The assessment shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per bearing acreage of grape rootstock and two cents (\$0.02) per invoicable unit of grape rootstock and grafted grape rootstock used or distributed for commercial purposes. The commission may establish different invoicable unit assessment rates for rootstock cuttings, rooted rootstock cuttings, and grafted grape rootstocks, provided that the rates do not exceed the maximum assessment authorized by this subdivision.



(c) A fee greater than the amount specified in subdivision (b) may not be charged unless approved pursuant to procedures specified in Section 74771.



Approved _____, 2003

Governor

